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County Council Creates Coordinating Council to Address Domestic Violence

The Montgomery County Council today unanimously adopted legislation to create a Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Sponsored by Councilmembers Steven Silverman and Michael Subin, the 15-member Council will advise the County Council and Executive on domestic violence policies, programs, and issues.

"Last year, our Police reported over 1500 incidents of domestic violence, including two homicides," said Councilman Silverman. "We must take stronger, more coordinated steps to respond to this critical public safety issue that is a scourge for too many Montgomery County families."

"This action by the County Council is a clear message to the community that we see the clear need for a coordinated and collaborative effort to address this serious issue," said Councilmember Subin.

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council will have representatives from the Judiciary, State's Attorney, Sheriff, Police and other public safety agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, and other departments providing services to victims of domestic violence, as well as members of the public, including a victim of domestic violence. The office of Montgomery County Sheriff Raymond Kight will provide staffing coordination.

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